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U.S. Food and Drug Admin.
Dockets Management Branch

RE: Docket #98P-0151/CP1

To Whom It May Concern

I am asking you to grant petition #98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

Animals too sick or injured to stand should not be slaughtered for food. You are aware that it is impossible to move these poor creatures humanely. Uncaring people in charge of transportation prod them with tractors and drag them with chains, adding untold injury and make them suffer more.

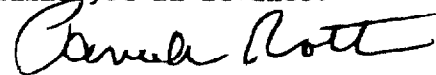
In addition to spreading bacteria, many animals are afflicted with BSE (MAD COW DISEASE). Do you want to risk yourself or your families health by possibly exposing yourselves to this?

Prohibiting the marketing of downed animals will not effect the economy greatly due to the small percentage of downed animals still be slaughtered.

Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to industry to prevent downed animals in the first place. With better care and handling, industry experts have estimated that 90% of downed animals can be prevented!

Please support DOCKET #98P-0151/CP1.

Thank you in advance.


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